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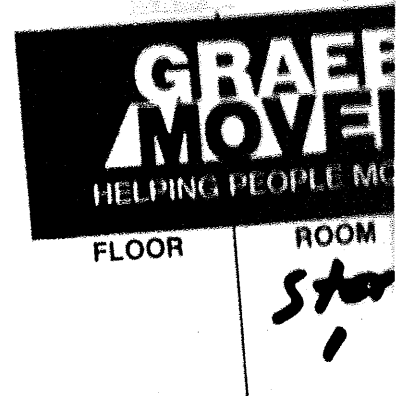


To: Member of the Senate Committee on Lambeau Field
From: Senate Sergeant's office
Subject: Written testimony from Thursday's hearing

Attached are copies of the written testimony from Thursday's hearing in Green Bay.
Copies have been distributed to all committee members.

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LAMBEAU FIELD COMMITTEE 1999



(FROM SEN. HUELSMAN'S OFFICE)

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	Assembly Bill 730	Assembly Bill 892 (as amended)	LRB-4789/1
Stadium District	Creates stadium district within Brown County which would have the power to construct, manage and maintain a stadium facility.	Creates stadium district within Brown County which would have the power to construct, manage and maintain a stadium facility.	No stadium district is created under this draft. The bill gives authority to the Brown County Board.
Other district authority	The district would become a local unit of government with the power to issue revenue bonds, impose a sales and use tax of no more than 0.5% (with referendum approval). The draft specifies that the amount of all bonds for this purpose will not exceed \$160 million.	The district would become a local unit of government with the power to issue revenue bonds, impose a sales and use tax of no more than 0.5% (with referendum approval). The draft specifies that the amount of all bonds for this purpose will not exceed \$160 million. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amendment removes Board's eminent domain authority as a local unit of government. - Amendment allows the district to impose a tax at one-tenth of one cent increments, up to 0.5%. 	All bonding authority would be Brown County's. The bill authorizes the county to issue general obligation bonds or promissory notes for the purpose of constructing the facilities. The draft states that the bonding amount may not exceed \$160 million. It is believed that the County already has this authority.
Ref. Require	Requires a referendum before the sales tax is imposed.	Requires a referendum before the sales tax is imposed. Amendment to the bill states the wording of the referendum question.	Requires binding referendum for the issuance of bonds.
Stadium Board	Bill creates a stadium board made up of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 members appointed by the governor - 2 members appointed by the Mayor of Green Bay - 2 members appointed by the Brown County Executive - 1 member appointed by the Village of Ashwaubenon President <p>The Governor would appoint the chairperson of the board.</p>	Bill creates a stadium board made up of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 members appointed by the governor - 2 members appointed by the Mayor of Green Bay - 2 members appointed by the Brown County Executive - 1 member appointed by the Village of Ashwaubenon President <p>The Governor would appoint the chairperson of the board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amendment specifies the time frame for appointments to be within 30 days after the creation of the district. - Amendment also states that at least one of the Governor's appointments must be from Brown 	No board is created, all power is given to Brown County.

		<p>County.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amendment states that Board members will serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. 	
Tax exempt status	<p>Bill creates income tax exemptions for the income of the stadium district and the income and interest from the district's obligations.</p> <p>Sales tax exemptions are created for parking related to the facilities and for the one-time seat license increases proposed by the Packers.</p>	<p>No exemptions are included in the bill.</p> <p>The amendment to the bill reinstalled the four tax exemptions in AB 730. Since the exemptions are in an amendment to the bill and not in the original bill, AB 892 will not have to go to the Joint Committee on Tax Exemptions.</p>	<p>The bill does not include any exemptions. The Leg. Council memo states that current law would already exempt the building materials and supplies for the facility. Exempt property already includes parking lots, garages etc...</p> <p>Chavala's second bill (LRB-4686/2) includes an income tax exemption for interest earned from bonds issued by the county.</p>
Maintenance costs	<p>Allows for maintenance costs to be covered by the tax collections or revenue from bonds.</p>	<p>Allows for maintenance costs to be covered by the tax collections or revenue from bonds.</p> <p>Amendment clearly states the annual amount of maintenance and operating costs.</p> <p>Maintenance costs included are \$4,031,000 annually with 3% annual increases for inflation for a maximum of 27 years. Operating costs are \$750,000 in the first year, \$500,000 in the second year and \$200,000 thereafter for a maximum of 29 years.</p>	<p>This bill would not cover maintenance costs.</p>
Sunset of tax	<p>States that no taxes may be collected after the retirement of bonds related to the football stadium.</p>	<p>States that no taxes may be collected after the retirement of bonds related to the football stadium.</p> <p>The amendment states that excess revenue would be used to retire the bonds. This clearer ordering of allowable uses of tax revenue may allow for earlier retirement of the bonds.</p>	<p>No sunset of the county tax is expressly stated in this legislation.</p>
Prevailing wage laws	<p>Since the stadium district (a local unit of government) would contract with the Packers to construct the stadium, no prevailing wage requirements would apply.</p>	<p>Since the stadium district (a local unit of government) would contract with the Packers to construct the stadium, no prevailing wage requirements would apply.</p>	<p>This bill states that the construction of the stadium (no matter who is responsible) is subject to the prevailing wage requirements. The bill also states that there would be a certain amount of employees</p>

		The amendment to the bill would require any contracts with the Packers to include the state's prevailing wage requirements.	under the construction contract will be minorities (25%) and a certain amount be women (5%).
Other Items		<p>There were a number of simple amendments added as well:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If bricks or commemorative tiles were sold, the revenues would be used for debt service and not go to the Packers (this does not apply to naming rights). - No "blackouts" will be allowed for Brown County. If a game is not sold out, the Packers will have to purchase remaining tickets which would eliminate the need for a blackout. - A check-off would be put on the state income tax forms allowing all state residents to contribute to the stadium renovation. - The Packers will sign a 30-year lease agreement so they could not leave before debt is eliminated. - Season ticket holders will be able to get their one-time fee (about \$2,000 per seat) back when they give up their seat(s). 	

TO: Joanne Huelsman
FROM: Sean Dilweg, Senator Cowles Office
DATE: March 23, 2000
RE: Senate SB 493

You had asked what Brown county taxpayers exposure to a sales tax would be over a 25 year period under the Bill.

It is clear from the March 20th Legislative Council Memo the Brown County could use some or all of the revenues from the sales tax to help offset any costs the county might incur in the renovation of Lambeau Field.

Therefore, there is no requirement that any of the sales tax money be used to pay for the \$160 million in bonding levied on property taxpayers cost a total of \$229 million in principal and interest.

In examining a \$0.05 sales tax in Brown County Fiscal bureau estimates that it will generate \$16.4 million in its first year and grow at a rate of 0.06% after that.

Thus, the future value of \$16.4 million in annual sales tax 25 year from now is equal to \$899.78 million. In addition with no requirement to use this tax to pay off the \$160 million in municipal general obligation bonds the total impact of SB 493 on Brown County taxpayers 25 year from now is over \$1 billion.

- *Note: this figure derived from the future value function in Microsoft Excel $f_v(0.06, 25, 16.4)$.*

The Assembly Proposal on the other hand ends after 16 years in 2016 and costs the Brown County taxpayers \$390 million at a maximum.

WISCONSIN ASSEMBLY ROLL CALL
1999-2000 SESSION
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BY GARD
GREEN BAY PACKERS RENOVATION OF LAMBEAU FIELD
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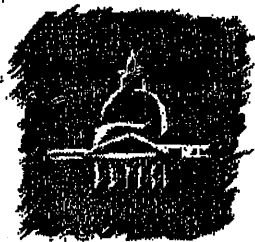
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Friday, March 24, 2000
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SCOTT R. JENSEN
ASSEMBLY SPEAKER

APR 04 2000

April 3, 2000

Governor Tommy G. Thompson
115 South, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Governor Thompson:

Thank you for the constructive role you have played over the last several weeks in urging progress on the Lambeau Field renovation legislation. I share your sense of urgency that this bill be passed and Brown County taxpayers be given the opportunity to vote on the future of the Packers.

As you know, in the Assembly, we insisted on a very open and bipartisan process of deliberation on the Packers' proposal. This process resulted in a strong package that was able to pass on an overwhelming bi-partisan vote of 73-22. This package received the endorsement of the Packers, the Mayor Jadin of Green Bay, and Brown County Executive Nussbaum.

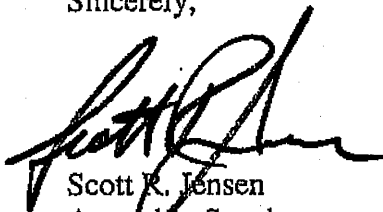
As the clock ticked down on the legislative session last week, Senator Chvala met behind closed doors to try to craft an alternative package in the State Senate. The compromise announced late Friday is substantially similar to the bi-partisan plan passed by the Assembly and, as such, shows great promise. Senator Chvala's insistence that you abdicate your veto authority as a condition of this package passing the Senate, however, is irresponsible and we urge you to reject making any such pledge.

The voters of this state, who have repeatedly and overwhelmingly elected you governor, have every right to expect that you will exercise your legitimate executive authority on legislation sent to your desk. It is your constitutional prerogative to exercise your veto authority as you see fit, just as it is the legislature's prerogative to override those vetoes should we disagree with them. Just as we would consider it arrogant and irresponsible for you to demand that we in the legislature abdicate our right to review your vetoes, I believe it is arrogant and irresponsible for either house of the legislature to hold legislation hostage for a "no veto" pledge from you.

I also urge you to reject such a pledge for very practical reasons. Most of the negotiation on this package was conducted in secret, with Senator Chvala and representatives of the Green Bay Packers meeting behind closed doors. This closed process has given the public and members of the legislature very little opportunity to review the changes proposed to the Assembly package. It is not unreasonable to imagine that technical and practical problems with the language drafted by the Senate may come to light after its passage. If such problems do come to light, it would be absurd for your hands to be tied by a "no veto" pledge. You must have the ability to use your veto authority to correct those problems.

Once again, thank you for your consistent leadership on the Lambeau Field issue. You have acted appropriately by setting a bold course on this issue and then allowing the legislature to work its will. It is my belief that we owe your constitutional authority similar deference. I would, therefore, urge you to reserve your right to exercise your veto power on any package we send to your desk.

Sincerely,



Scott R. Jensen
Assembly Speaker

Mary E. Panzer

Senate Republican Leader

APR 04 2000



CHVALA CONTINUES HIS ROLE AS OBSTRUCTIONIST ON PACKER BILL **Senate Majority Leader cancels Senate floor session on Lambeau legislation**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
APRIL 3, 2000

CONTACT: Mary Panzer
PHONE: 608-266-7513

(Madison) - Senate Republican Leader Mary Panzer (R - West Bend) expressed concern about Senate Majority Leader Charles Chvala's (D - Madison) continued role as an obstructionist on the Lambeau Field renovation proposal.

"As Vince Lombardi once said, 'Football is a great deal like life in that it teaches that work, sacrifice, perseverance, competitive drive, selflessness and respect for authority is the price each and everyone of us must pay to achieve any goal that is worthwhile'," Panzer said. "Too bad Senator Chvala plays hockey instead of football - a few minutes with a good football coach could have made this whole process much easier."

Chvala notified State Senate offices late this afternoon that he was canceling the State Senate floor session scheduled for Tuesday, April 4. The Senate was supposed to debate and vote on the tentative agreement reached with the Packers. In his note, Chvala's chief of staff noted the reason for the cancellation of the session was because Governor Thompson had yet to agree to relinquish his veto power on this bill.

"The governor is absolutely right to be concerned about the demand that he give up his veto power," said Panzer. "Millions of voters and taxpayers in Wisconsin entrust Governor Thompson to use that power to ensure that their interests are protected."

"This is a very serious development on this issue," said Panzer. "We are talking about the very future of the greatest franchise in the entire National Football League. This is yet another delay, another roadblock that jeopardizes the Packers' success. Vince Lombardi also said, 'You never lose. But sometimes the clock runs out on you.' I sincerely hope that Senator Chvala comes to his senses before the clock runs out on America's team."

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STATE OF WISCONSIN

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

APR 04 2000

Lambeau Legislation Fact Check

Sen. Chuck Chvala is claiming the Senate Democrats will not vote on the Packers legislation unless he gets a guarantee from the governor that there will be no vetoes. Gov. Thompson will not make such an agreement, particularly since we've already found some games Sen. Chvala is playing with the legislation. Here's a quick fact check on some of the comments Sen. Chvala is making.

- **Chvala caught sneaking personal pork into Packers bill.**

Sen. Chvala has snuck in language that essentially would allow the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands to use the State Investment Board to invest its assets. Gov. Thompson vetoed this language in the budget last fall because it was slipped in at the last minute and had not been debated. Now, Chuck Chvala is trying to slip it into the Packers legislation without the public knowing. This language has absolutely nothing to do with the Lambeau renovation. **This is a prominent example of why Gov. Thompson won't give up his right to veto language in the Senate legislation. We've already caught him playing games with it.** Who knows what other tricks Chuck Chvala has slipped into the document. Also, if the governor were to promise no vetoes, Chvala could then amend the legislation and add all sort of intolerable provisions harmful to taxpayers.

- **Chvala snubs fellow lawmakers and Packers officials.**

In his letter to the Governor Thompson on Monday afternoon, Sen. Chvala claims he has full support for the legislation from the Packers, Sens. Panzer and Rude and Rep. Gard because they appeared at a news conference with him on Friday. **BUT, Sen. Chvala never told the Packers or lawmakers of his "no veto" demand of the governor until he was at the podium Friday announcing the agreement.** In other words, he sprung this surprise caveat on the lawmakers and Packers and never got their support for the no-veto commitment in advance. This marks yet another example of the games Chuck is playing with this legislation. Earlier Friday, he also claimed to have had a handshake agreement with Bob Harlan on the legislation, when that was completely inaccurate.

- **Governor will respect local agreements in the legislation.**

While the governor has not yet fully reviewed the legislation, he did tell Sen. Chvala that the local agreements contained in the legislation will remain virtually intact. If any changes would be made, they would be technical in nature and not substantive. **Gov. Thompson also won't veto the provision that provides all appointments to the stadium board to local officials.** (The Assembly legislation gives the governor two appointees.) The governor is not going to hold up this project over that issue. Remember, Gov. Thompson was the first public official to come out in support of the Lambeau renovation. He wants the people of Brown County to be able to vote on a good piece of legislation and isn't going to stand in the way of them doing so. The governor's veto pen will ensure that any legislation that goes to Brown County is good and isn't riddled with poison pills. Chvala should stop standing in the way of Brown County voters and allow a Senate vote.

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JOHN GARD

State Representative • Assembly Chairman, Joint Committee on Finance

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
APRIL 3, 2000

CONTACT: JEFF SCHOENFELDT
(608) 266-2343

STATE ASSEMBLY SAVES TAXPAYERS MILLIONS IN PACKER PROJECT

Significant savings rooted in Assembly Plan

MADISON...According to an analysis by the nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau, the bulk of the savings achieved in the Senate's version of the Packer bill actually comes from savings already done in the Assembly.

The majority of the reductions come from an agreement reached between the City of Green Bay and the Packers to shrink maintenance and operating costs. The agreement calls for the original \$4,031,000 per year for maintenance costs to be decreased to \$3.4 million annually.

"The Fiscal Bureau report confirms that significant savings in the final bill are due to this agreement on maintenance costs," said Gard. "Green Bay Mayor Paul Jadin lead the negotiations to save nearly \$30 million from the reductions on maintenance."

Gard said that following further analysis by the Fiscal Bureau and Assembly Republicans, the differences between the agreed-to language and the Assembly's version are small.

"The final version of the bill incorporates several changes that leave the local agreements in the bipartisan Assembly plan intact."

Gard indicated that the bipartisan agreement reached in the Assembly explores a variety of avenues to help reduce the burden for Brown County taxpayers.

"One of the differences between the Assembly and the Senate version is that the Assembly allowed the revenues generated from the tax checkoff and the tile and brick sales to be used for debt service, whereas the Senate uses it for maintenance costs. Realistically, there is no change to the total cost of the project," said Gard.

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Gard said that the only real change to the maintenance costs was the \$500,000 per year reduction that would be funded by an increase in season ticket costs. The \$7.5 million change doesn't come from the Packer organization or reduce the total cost of the project, but rather shifts the \$500,000 per year to the season ticket holders.

The five most notable changes to the Assembly bill are as follows:

- 1) The shift of \$500,000 in maintenance costs over 15 years to the season ticket holders for a total cost of \$7.5 million.
- 2) A provision to allow license plate sales revenue to go toward the maintenance costs. The Legislative Fiscal Bureau and the Department of Transportation estimate those sales could raise approximately \$350,000 per year.
- 3) Revenues generated from the sales of commemorative bricks and tiles will be applied to maintenance costs as opposed to debt reduction. This will result in virtually no overall deductions in the project.
- 4) Achieves the maintenance and operating cost reductions from \$4.031 million to \$3.4 million per year as spelled out in the Assembly bill.
- 5) The stadium district board will now consist of three members appointed by the Brown County Executive, three by the Mayor of the City of Green Bay and one by the Mayor of the Village of Ashwaubenon.

Representative Gard also indicated that although the local transportation dollars had been deleted from the final version of the bill, the Brown County or stadium district board is not prohibited from applying for them in the future.

"It is disappointing that the Senate plan stripped out the language on transportation dollars," said Gard. "While I would have preferred to keep the agreement with the local officials to allow them to apply for the money, I believe that we will try to meet their needs in the future."

Gard said he expected the Senate to approve the Packer legislation on Tuesday and that the Assembly would take action shortly thereafter. The final version will be sent to Governor Thompson for his scrutiny before being signed into law.

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APR 04 2000

April 3, 2000

The Honorable Tommy G. Thompson
Governor, State of Wisconsin
125 South, State Capitol
HAND-DELIVERED

Dear Governor Thompson:

As you know, bipartisan agreement has been reached on legislation for the renovation of Lambeau Field. The Green Bay Packer organization has unequivocally stated that this bill meets their needs.

Your staff was provided with the bill draft of our agreement at approximately 12:15 PM on Friday March 31st. I understand your staff and the Department of Administration have worked through the weekend to analyze the legislation.

All that now remains is for your acceptance of the bipartisan agreement. I would ask that you provide us with the veto assurances necessary to move forward with Senate and Assembly action on the bill.

Late Friday afternoon I was joined by Bob Harlan and John Jones of the Packers, Senate Minority Leader Mary Panzer, Assistant Minority Leader Brian Rude, chair of the Assembly Special Committee on the Renovation of Lambeau Field John Gard, chair of the Senate Committee on Lambeau Field Russ Decker and chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee Gary George at a press conference announcing and endorsing our agreement. In addition, Assembly Speaker Scott Jensen issued a statement on the Senate agreement stating his intention to bring it before the Assembly for a vote.

It would be the intention of the State Senate to move forward to vote on our bipartisan agreement at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday pending your agreement to sign the legislation with no vetoes. In the event that you have specific concerns, I am happy to work proactively with you to address them at this time, prior to the Senate voting on the bill.

In a letter sent to me on March 7th, 2000, you stated that you would "accept any campaign finance legislation that reaches my desk, as is, without even adding a partial veto to my record number of vetoes." In the case of campaign finance reform you were willing to make a veto-commitment on legislation "sight unseen".

I am concerned with your reticence to make a similar agreement on the bipartisan Lambeau Field agreement reached by the legislature that your staff has had ample time to analyze. I sincerely hope that you will not stand in the way of getting the job done for the Packers and allowing the people of Brown County to decide.

I would respectfully request that if you have concerns, you let us know so that we may address them. If not, provide us with the necessary assurances to allow this legislation to move forward.

Sincerely,

Chuck Chvala
Senate Majority Leader

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 3, 2000



APR 04 2000
CONTACT: Mike Browne
(608) 266-9170

PRESS RELEASE

State Senate Ready to Vote on Lambeau Bill
Governor's Agreement Last Hurdle to Passage of Bipartisan Legislation

Madison – Senate Majority Leader Chuck Chvala said today that the State Senate stands ready to pass a bipartisan agreement reached late last week on the Packers' request for assistance to renovate Lambeau Field. The final hurdle to Senate action according to Chvala is an agreement from the governor that he will respect the bipartisan agreement by refraining from partially vetoing the bill.

Chvala said, "We're 99 percent there. We have a bipartisan agreement that has been endorsed by the Packers. All that's left is for the Governor to say he's on board and respect the agreement by not partially vetoing the bill."

Chvala was joined at a press conference Friday afternoon announcing the agreement by Bob Harlan and John Jones of the Packers, Senate Minority Leader Mary Panzer, Assistant Minority Leader Brian Rude, chair of the Assembly Special Committee on the Renovation of Lambeau Field John Gard, chair of the Senate Committee on Lambeau Field Russ Decker and chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee Gary George. In addition, Assembly Speaker Scott Jensen issued a statement on the Senate agreement stating his intention to bring it before the Assembly for a vote.

Chvala noted, "The governor's office has had the bill since noon on Friday and they've had ample time to review the legislation. If there are concerns on the part of the governor, he should let us know now so we can correct them. At this point there's no need for vetoes unless the governor wants to alter the substance of the bipartisan agreement we have with legislative Republicans and the Packers."

Most recently the governor agreed to not veto any campaign finance reform legislation sent to his desk. Chvala noted that the campaign finance pledge was made "sight unseen" before any legislation had passed the State Senate.

Based on an analysis of the Lambeau bill, vetoes could be made by the governor to take away local control of the stadium district board, eliminate the sunset on the sales tax, eliminate the Packers \$500,000 annual contribution to reduce maintenance costs, eliminate the requirement that workers be paid the prevailing wage or eliminate the requirement that the sales tax be approved by a referendum for example.

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"We've reached an agreement that gets the job done for the Packers, minimizes the impact of the project on Brown County taxpayers and protects local control. All we're asking for now is that the governor respect the deal we've reached so we can pass the bill and let the people of Brown county have their say," concluded Chvala.

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